

Is Jude 1:24 Even Possible?

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Jude 1:24-25 ESV

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy,

25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

- able (dynamai) *able, capable, to have power, to be possible*
- stumbling (aptaistos) *keep from falling, standing firm*

Presenting us blameless before the presence of God's glory is two-fold:

1. **Justification** - *every sin we have and will ever commit forgiven on the Cross*
2. **Sanctification** - *the daily cleansing of our hearts and lives by His Word, His presence in prayer and trials*

Galatians 5:4-6 ESV

4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

- *We wait for the hope of righteousness:*
 - *Because sanctification is not a quick process. In fact it is a life-long process and even when you die, you still will not be sinlessly perfect.*
 - *We wait for the sinless righteousness that comes in heaven.*

Hebrews 7:23-24 ESV

23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

- *Continuity in priesthood brings consistency of care and the security of just judgment.*
- *Jesus' priesthood is so far superior to a changing priesthood of men who are flawed by sin.*

Hebrews 7:25 ESV

25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

- save (sozo) *to save or rescue one who is in danger of destruction, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction, heal, restore*
- uttermost (pantelēs) *utterly, completely, perfectly*
- draw near (proserchomai) *approach, come near, assent to, worship*
- always (pantote) *always, at all times*

Jesus has the power to save completely and perfectly - but who and how?

“...those who draw near to God...”

- *There is no sin God won't forgive if you continue to draw near to Him in repentance and godly sorrow. If there is no godly sorrow then you are not His child.*
- *There is no liberty to sin (“God will always forgive.”) but we also can never accept the lies of condemnation from the Accuser of the Brethren.*
- *If we are consistently drawing near to Him with a heart of repentance, we have the promise of eternal security.*

Matthew 18:21-22 NASB

21 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Psalms 51:16-17 ESV

16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

“...He is able to save to the uttermost...since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

- *As children of God, our daily lives are literally held and sustained in the prayers of Jesus.*
- *God's process of sanctification and discipleship is executed by Jesus' intercession.*

James 5:16-18 ESV

16 The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

John 10:28 ESV

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Hebrews 5:14 ESV

14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

1 Corinthians 10:13 ESV

13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 22:31-32 ESV

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,
32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."